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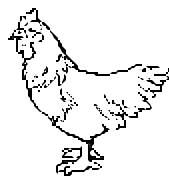
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was at least steady, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was irregular and covered the full range with best movement going into fast food, restaurants, and for seasonal interests. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light with needs being assessed after the holiday weekend. Breast items were more available with reports of discounts present to help move, dark meat and wings were at least adequate with limited demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/13/02-05/18/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	(Includes branded product)	
				WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	51.00-53.00	52.67	15	54.17	35
Chicago	45.00-48.00	48.57	42	50.53	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	51.98	24
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.78	9
Denver	67.50	67.50	16	65.74	19
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.50	12	52.69	53
Los Angeles	68.00	65.54	73	63.69	156
New York	49.00-51.00	49.67	21	51.01	43
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	48.20	10	50.46	25
Pittsburgh	48.00-51.00	49.27	11	55.38	58
St. Louis	47.75-48.00	47.47	21	49.54	40
San Francisco	68.50	67.23	31	66.44	62

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/13/02	Change/Last Wk	05/06/02	05/14/01
603	55.954	0.12	55.83	59.95

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-53.00	52.64	35
Central	48.00-56.00	53.52	71
West	54.00-60.50	57.10	45

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.00-63.50	62.77	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,159	45.00-65.25	62.35

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.00	1,368
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	4,888
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,147
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	785
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	9,604
WINGS	62.00	3,449

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate following the weekend. Offerings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, with seasonal business providing the best interest. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly bone-in were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenderloins and wings were fully adequate to ample.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment mostly steady to fully steady. Demand following the holiday weekend was light to moderate, at times quite active with needs being assessed and pipelines refilled. Supplies were usually sufficient to cleared. In the parts structure, supplies of breast items were irregular, and had become more available with lighter movement. Wings were more manageable, but still obtainable, and dark meat was balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading reported on regular commitments for this week's delivery were at generally unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were overall adequate. Demand by stores fairly good where features planned later in the week elsewhere only fair, restaurants moderate overall best by fast food. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Breasts started to show some weakness with the balance of parts generally steady. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries - leg quarters bulk 20.5-27 and 4/10s 22.5-27, drumstick bulk and 8/5s 35-37, breast bone-in 87-95 and boneless random weights 142-146, boneless thigh meat generally 80. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.87 to 55.13 with the volume reported down 6 percent to 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries unchanged to slightly increased with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to fully steady. Movement into retail channels was irregular, slow to fairly good, mostly moderate. Food service demand was fair to good, best into restaurants and fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights desirable to heavy. Parts offerings were generally adequate with wings ample. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and mostly steady on other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were in generally good balance to closely cleared in instances on the over 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, volumes varied from plant to plant, however, all items were more than sufficient for immediate needs. Breast cuts, particularly bone-in were competitively priced. Wings remained ample and leg quarters fully adequate to ample.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	48-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.89
NO. OF BOXES	9,674

*8 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair as dealers assessed needs following the weekend. Offerings of breast items, especially bone-in were readily available and slow to clear. Leg items were at least sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate to ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate best where feature activity was planned or in progress. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, steady at best on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	144.65	481,240
TENDERLOINS	110-115	113.67	116,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	86.14	233,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	75.20	172,600
LEGS	32-33	36.01	125,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.40	511,701
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.72	66,140
THIGHS	25-26	28.06	88,890
B/S THIGHS	76-77	75.49	112,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	59.87	253,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.24	25,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	21.84	10,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.32	32,760

INCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,283	125.00-155.00	137-145	139.23
TENDERLOINS	171	100.00-197.00	-	139.19
BREAST - WITH RIBS	214	74.00-89.00	74-77	78.31
FRONT HALVES	480	31.00-59.00	59	56.17
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	735	15.00-18.50	16	16.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,635	18.00-20.00	19	19.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	216	47.00-76.00	47-49	51.83
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	2,282	20.00-36.00	22-23	22.47

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/13	05/09	05/09	05/06	05/02
ALA	4,018	3,943	5.03	3,992	5.03
ARK	5,177	5,102	4.88	5,234	4.80
DELMARVA	2,358	2,337	5.29	2,347	5.20
KY-LA-TN	2,039	2,037	4.50	2,046	4.54
MISS	2,841	2,824	5.24	2,849	5.21
NC	2,659	2,646	5.94	2,628	6.05
TEXAS	2,438	2,450	4.86	2,428	4.80
TOTAL	21,530	21,339	5.09	21,524	5.07
MON	21,530(A)			21,524(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-May 2002 is estimated to be 32,212,000 down 0.27 percent from a week ago and up 3.09 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,299,000, last year 31,245,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	838	137.00-223.00	138-143	146.85
TENDERLOINS	127	115.00-195.00	115-120	136.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	26.00-37.00	26-27.5	27.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,280	18.00-26.00	19-20	19.99
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-66.00	60-62	62.65
WINGS (CUT)	480	64.00-77.00	66-68	67.83
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-42.00	-	37.59
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 13, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.25 - 44.00	42.40	41.51

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 13-MAY - 17-MAY 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00 - 152.00	143.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 98.00	80.00 - 86.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 26.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 44.50	-
THIGHS	20.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	45.00 - 65.00	51.00 - 53.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 47.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	86-90
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	-
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

10-MAY-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	-	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50			

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-15.00	13.00-15.00	1,086,000	318,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.08	13.60		
15-20%				
RANGE	9.00-13.00	9.00-13.50	1,359,372	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.54	11.36		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	14.50	-	8,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.50			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past trading period. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished product sales were fair with scheduling providing fully adequate supplies for both immediate and future needs. Trade sentiment was only steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAY-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.75	8.25-9	8.90

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

10-MAY-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	12.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	12.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	10.00-12.00	1,774,800	81,600
WTD AVERAGE		10.43		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS

PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAY-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5	8.5-9	8.63
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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